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SUBJ: USE OF PORT OF COTONOU FOR GAO GRAIN SHIPMENTS

REF A BAMAKO 4370 B. LOME 2901

1. REF A COMMENTED ON USE OF COTONOU FOR PREPOSITIONING GRAIN SUPPLIES FOR GAO. THIS WAS ONE OF SUBJECTS KELLY (ON TDY FROM AID/W) COVERED IN REF B WHICH BEING REPEATED BAMAKO FOR INFO. WORLD FOOD PROGRAM REP HERE HAS CONFIRMED HIS EARLIER STATEMENT THAT COTONOU PORT BAGGING FACILITY WILL PROBABLY NOT BE OPERABLE BEFORE MARCH 75.

2. WFP REP ALSO STATED HIS LATEST REPORT FROM WFP/ROME SHOWS COTONOU PORT SLATED RECEIVED TOTAL 22,000 MT OF GRAIN FROM ALL DONORS IN FIVE MONTH PERIOD OF 75 (BELIEVE THIS TO BE FEB-JUNE). WFP REP HERE THINKS THAT SINCE THIS IS FAR BELOW THE 8,000 MT/MONTH CAPACITY THAT COTONOU PORT COULD HANDLE, HE EXPECTS COTONOU PORT TO GET MORE SHIPMENTS AS PORT OF APAPA IN NIGERIA BECOMES MORE AND MORE CONGESTED.

3. ON BALANCE IT APPEARS TAT MOMENT THAT UP TO ABOUT 3,000 MT MONTH COULD BE HANDLED BY PORT OF COTONOU IN 1975 FOR GAO DESTINATION.

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4. WE ARE OF COURSE NOT IN POSITION TO EVALUATE CONDITION
OF ROAD FROM NIAMEY TO GAO, WHICH WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE A SIG-
NIFICANT FACTOR IN ANY DECISION TO USE THE PORT OF COTONOU.
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